

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed in response to the telephone interview with the Examiner on November 17, 2003. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-9, 23, 24, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, 37-39, and 41-45 are currently pending in this application. Claims 43 and 45 are amended. Claims 10-22, 25, 28-31, 34, 36, and 40 were previously canceled.

During the telephone discussion, the Examiner indicated that the application may be allowable if certain amendments are made to claims 43 and 45. Thus, Applicants have herein amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is due by this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4532.

Respectfully submitted,
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